the meantime, in order to achieve the objective of openness and transparency in Government functioning, instructions have been issued by the Union Home Ministry to all the Central Ministries/Departments for taking effective steps towards this objective which includes, inter-alia, further details being furnished in replies to parliament Questions, revamping of public relations cells in Ministries/Departments which deal with public enquiries/complaints, provision of more information in annual reports, institution of effective mechanism for replying to communications received from the public etc.

Supreme Court direction to review TADA cases

4727. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that recently Supreme Court of India directed the Central and State Governments to review all TADA cases ;

(b) if so, what progress has so far been made in this regard in each of the States and Union Territories with details of TADA cases reviewed by each of them; and

(c) how many TADA detenues were released after the review in the States and Union Territories ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The question of setting up of Review Committees as a part of over all exercise to implement effectively the observations/suggestions contained in the Supreme Court judgment is under consideration of the Government.

ISI ACTIVITIES IN THE STATE OF BIHAR

4728. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the activities of ISI of Pakistan are rising in the State of Bihar particularly on Indo-Nepal borders of the State ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to stop ISI activities in Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SYEED) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government are aware that Pak ISI have been using Nepal as a base for contacting Kashmiri and Sikh militants. These elements have been using Bihar to enter Nepal to evade arrests.

(c) Police stations, outposts and immigration checkposts on Indo-Nepal border have been alerted to keep strict vigil. Border Security and Policing have also been tightened all along the border.

Smuggling of Arms ammunitions by ISI

4729. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :

SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated the 2nd April, 1994 under the caption "ISI behind smuggled arms" stating that large quantity of arms and ammunitions are being smuggled into the country from Pakistan ;

(b) whether it is a fact that huge quantity of ammunitions were seized in Kandla Port if so, what are the details there—indicating the arrests made thereon ; and

(c) what steps Government of India are taken to curb the ISI activities in the country and also to prevent smuggling of weapons ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not true that huge quantity of ammunition was seized from Kandla Port. What was seized by the Customs was scrap materials of used catridges brought from Kuwait. Preliminary investigations